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= Portsmouth Plaza

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History: On July 8, 1846,

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Commodore J. B. Montgomery sailed into San Francisco Bay on USS Portsmouth and on July 9th raised the American flag on the staff in the plaza in front of Mexican Custom House, whence the name Portsmouth Plaza or Square which has remained an open space in San Francisco to the present time except that in 1961 an underground parking  
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garage was constructed with a landscaped park above at general ground level. Square has undergone several transformations since Yerba Buena (SF) was first founded in 1835 when Capt. Wm.A. Richardson was made Harbor Master by Governor Figueroa and set up his tent at Yerba Buena Cove and in Oct. 1835 replaced the tent with a board house located on what is now Grant Ave. between Clay & Washington

References: San Francisco, American Guide Series, p. 206, 2nd ed.

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